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## *Among Other Things*

The rest have  
driven to the mall.  
Any second now  
will be too dark.

This close to the edge,  
among other things,  
I read.

Leaves rattle overhead.  
Little pockets  
of canned applause  
sift through  
the screened porch  
in next door's yard.

## *Wild Strawberries*

Saturday, late  
and but for a handful  
of neighbourhood girls  
hanging in the street,  
nothing doing.

I cut the back,  
brim the yard-cart.  
The air is thick  
with the scent  
of wild strawberries'  
mown flesh.

This weather we keep  
the bedroom sash ajar.  
I lie to myself:  
they're not metaphors.  
They are not metaphors.

